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Name Bands Plan Flights Overseas

Leaders Nibble Foreign Bait

AMERICA'S topflight orchestras are impatiently awaiting bookings abroad now that transportation facilities are nearing normalcy again. Don Redman took his jump crew to sweden and Denmark in October, with Don Byas featured on tenor sax, and Louis Armstrong is completing arangements to follow soon.

England, Australia Are Out

Engagements cannot be played in the British Isles or Australia because of overnment restrictions against "importing" American musicians. But in rance, Belgium, Spain and the Scandianian attions the demand for American music is emphatic. Hawaii soon will be a common hop for bandsmen.

Mexico and certain South American countries, Brazil and Argentina especially, are clamoring for Yank dance and and favorite singers. Joe Glaser, to books a couple dozen attractions, eas setting up South of the Border turns in late October and MCA, GAC and other booking offices were hustling test in on the pickings.

Many to Go From L. A.

Los Angeles will be the "jumping if" point for a majority of the orks wause of its airline facilities and beause numerous name outfits are in the A area constantly.

Conzales on Tenor With Count Basie

Count Basie and his band are in lifornia, as scheduled. They played to L. A. Lincoln Theater the Oct. 15 wek and will play the Million Dollar leater Nov. 12-18. Then, starting to 10, comes the Avodon Ballroom Replacing Illinois Jacquet's screech for is Paul Gonzales. Buddy Tate its the book with him.



THE WINNER of both the Martin Block and Gene Norman popularity polls, and now featured on Eddie Cantor's airshow, is Margaret Whiting. She topped every fem sparrow in the world in the two contests. Read full details of Mag's triumphs on Page 3.

Pete Condoli a Leader

Pete Condoli was planning to leave Woody Herman, as trumpeter, to front the Hollywood Teen Agers' band starting Nov. 5. His successor with Herman is not yet definite.

Barnet, Kenton For Hawaii Job

OVERNIGHT HOPS to Hawaii by name bands are at last a reality.

And it took a woman, a band buyer in skirts, to achieve what many another has failed to accomplish.

"Youngsters in the islands are hip to the bands and singers," Mrs. Hope McKenzie declared in Los Angeles last month while shopping for attractions. "No really 'big name' has ever appeared in person in Hawaii. I'm here to bring 'em back to the islands alive."

March Dates for Kenton

Charlie Barnet was first to sign contracts.

Stan Kenton was next, with a three-nighter for March 6, 7, 8 set through his booker, Dick Webster of GAC. The money offered by Mrs. McKenzie is said to be "well above" the average fee paid for bands by promoters here in the States. The contracts call for her paying airline transportation of more than \$400 per musician round trip. Kenton, now at the N. Y. Paramount Theater, said that June Christy and Gene Howard, singers, would naturally make the trip.

Nuts Over Jazz There

Count Basie and about five others were about to sign similar agreements with Mrs. McKenzie, who was outspoken in asserting that hot music—jazz—was far more popular in the Honolulu area than sweet or schmalzy dance music.

Barnet's contract called for his newly-reorganized outfit (see separate story in this issue) to inaugurate the new policy Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and Nov. 2. Two days of the five are required flying there and back via four-motored airliners.

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Nitery Next For Tilton



It's a Nov. 16 opening night that's been set for liltin' Martha Tilton in N. Y. at Club Martinique following her three-week run at the Capitol Theater on the same bill with Paul Whiteman's orchestra.

Martha is expected to fly to H'wood in between the engagements, however, to cut new records and visit her husband, Leonard Vannerson, who recently joined Carlos Gastel in the personal management field.

San Fran Jockey May Win Senatorial Post

From Station KSAN in San Francisco comes confirmation that Vic Paulsen. disc jock who airs every morning from 6 to 8, is a "write in" candidate for the short-term senatorial berth in Washington, Paulsen served in the merchant marine and stands a good chance of becoming a senator in the election to be held in California Nov. 5. If he wins, his term in Washington will end on Ian. 3.

'Carnegie' in Cans

"Carnegie Hall," new filmusical featuring a dozen or more name artists, most of them identified with the classical field, has been completed and is awaiting editing.



surface noise

EDDIE MILLER is fast recovering from second and third-degree burns suffered in a barbecue pit fire at his home. Now if he would just join his old buddies Ray Bauduc and Nappy Lamare (see page 10), a legion of their still-loyal fans would be delighted Biggest social events of the fall season hereabouts are the Bing Crosby bashes. Bingo cuts a raft of transcribed radio shows in advance for his Wednesday ABC series and everyone in Hollywood tries to sit in on the festivities. . . Kitty Kallen just flew to New York. She (1) will marry a doctor and (2) try to land a Broadway musical spot. . . George M. Avakian and Walter Schaap are readying Charles Delaunay's 1947 "Hot Discography" for publication. . . It's a pleasure to report that the first Norman Granz concert of the L. A. fall season was an improvement over his previous presentations. Only about half of this last event was lousy. Iulia Lee is in her thirteenth consecutive year as pianist and singer at Milton Morris' Taproom on Kansas City's Troost avenue. Which is some sort of a popularity record. Her new coupling of "Gotta Gimme Whatcha" Cot" and "Lies" is racking up new records, too, all the way to there and

"White Christmas" Will Have Competition. . . At Last

NAT COLE'S "The Christmas Song" will crowd "White Christmas" on the most-played lists within the next eight weeks, and that tasty string section augmenting his trio will prove popular enough to call for repeats. . . Regular readers of the Capitol rag won't find any "Pop-Offs" in the column at left this issue. The ones that came in were all complimentary, and who wants to read backpats?... Half of Hollywood's showfolk are trudging east for the Notre Dame-Army imbroglio. Out here the Irish are favored-but only if Doc Blanchard is

Stage Load Breaks Bobby Sherwood's Back

IRVING HOFFMAN, whose "Tales of Hoffman" brighten the pages of the Hollywood Reporter daily, gleefully defends Bobby Sherwood's work in the stage turkey, "Hear That Trumpet," which opened and shuttered briskly last month on Broadway. "Sherwood is a famous guitar and trumpet player," Hoffman reports, "and perhaps carrying his instruments and membership cards in the musicians' union and Actors Equity was too much of a load for a game little fellow his size." The play itself was even more frail and critics who slugged the bejeezes out of the story all heaped praise on Bobby and fellow musicians Sidney Bechet, Ray Mayer and Phil Layton. Now Sherwood can go back to his band again, which is what a lot of us hoped he'd do all along.

The Fourth Estate-And Stuff

AFTER TOO many decades, Weekly Variety finally snared a platter pillar that makes sense. George Frazier has mellowed since his salad days around Harvard but his knowledge of musicians and music is creating plenty o' gab on the coast; that reminds, too, that Look's Sammy Rowland just moved to L. A. permanently and will clef his column under a palm tree. . . Johnny Mercer's "pome" for the '47 Esquire Jazz Yearbook is in the hands of the new Esky jazz ed, Ernie Anderson. Old-timers, especially, will enjoy it. The young be-bop crowd simply won't dig. . . Josh White, the shouter, and Cosy Cole, the thumper, are soon to come west with their acts. But not together. . . And the forget-me-not that Slim Gaillard was handed by his wife, Nettie, the day before he took his trio east on tour was the kind Hollywoodians prefer not to accept. Suing for divorce, Mrs. G asserted that Bulee (that's Slim's legit name) beat her repeatedly, putti putti, and she asks \$2,000 monthly alimony plus a sizzling \$10,000 for attorney's fees. They were wed in Maryland in 1938 and it's been one big cement mixer after another, she said. Slim left town without a single vout comment. . . Slam Stewart hits Hollywood Nov. 7 with his own unit, If it's not Slim it's Slam!

Whiting Cops Wins in Block, **Norman Polls**

Margaret Whiting has been blowing up a storm since her recent return to Hollywood, where she is featured every Thursday night via NBC on the Eddie Cantor

The Detroit-born singer racked up an impressive and decisive victory in being proclaimed the most popular girl vocalist in both the Martin Block and Gene Norman jock polls. Block, heard over New York's powerful WNEW and soon to move to Hollywood, and Norman, who airs nightly via Hollywood's KFWB counted thousands of ballots sent in by their listeners. Peggy Lee placed second to Margaret in the Norman con-

Records etched by La Belle Maggie are credited with her fast rise to fame and fortune. Her list of click discs is long, starting with her "My Ideal" which she waxed in 1942 with Billy Butterfield and extending right up to her current "Passe," not forgetting the memorable "It Might As Well Be Spring" of a year ago. She's the daughter of the late Richard Whiting, tunecleffer, and the older sister of Barbara Whiting, 20th-Fox juve actress

Peggy Lee Eyes Billingsley's

ment, since her return from New York and a run at the Paramount 4 New Sidemen Theater, will be at the smart new Billingsley's Supper Club on Sunset boulevard in the heart of Hollywood.

Mexican Movie Next For Xavier Cugat

have just signed contracts to star in a Alexander Salkin will produce under the tenor, replacing Howard Cilbertson. title of "Rumba Rhapsody." The famed



DOTTIE ANN DARE dares other band vocalists to match her equipment. Now on tour with Freddie Slack's band in the Middlewest, Miss Dare splits the vocals with Al Hendrickson, who doubles guitar with Slack, Ella Mae Morse also is working theaters with Freddie but strictly as a single attraction in her own -Photo by Gene Lester

Goodman, Lund Peggy Lee's next nitery assign- In Big Hassle;

Benny Goodman and band returned to N. Y. Oct. 23, but it was The blonde chantootsie will be a different group than the one BG backed by her husband Dave Barbour's brought here six weeks ago. Art six-piece orchestra which emphasizes Lund, vocalist, wanted to leave and Barbour's tasty solo guitar. Nov. 19 is take a fling at films and he and Goodman were arguing the point as the Cap News went to press.

Harry Babison replaced Barney Spieler on bass, Barney Kessel joined on guitar, Xavier Cugat and Carmen Miranda replaing Mike Bryan; Dale Pearce took over Tom DeCarlo's trumpet chair forthcoming Mexican musical which and Jack Sims returned to the band on

Goodman was confident that Lund Mexican comic Cantinflas also will have would remain with the band. But Art stellar role. The pic will roll early appeared equally determined. Because ext year, according to Director Emilio of a contract, Art can't leave Benny without Beegee's approval.

Waldorf Cellar **Bounces With Daily Jazzmen**

Whether or not Pete Daily and his barrelhouse band of Chicago jazzmen would continue as the feature attraction at the Waldorf Cellar in downtown L. A. was still undetermined as this issue of the Capitol News rolled on the presses. Daily, one of the most fabulous hot cornetists around, opened on Oct. 14 for two weeks with options.

The band leans heavily toward classics of the "Skeleton Jangle," "Sugarfoot Strut" and "Roundhouse Rag" variety. Outstanding among the members of the group are Rosey McHargue on clarinet, Bud Wilson, trombone; Don Owens, piano; Joe Rushton, bass sax, and Red Cooper, drums.

Tommy Tucker Due

Set to follow Jerry Wald at the Palladium, Hollywood, this month is Tommy Tucker and his band. Charlie Spivak opens Christmas week.



BILLY MAY, whose heated trumpet has sparked many a name band's records, conferred with Henry Keys, vet conductor of the Clyde Beatty Circus crew, in order to write the original music for Capitol's "Bozo at the Circus" children's album just released. The album features a big picture book along with the records and May's music plays a fat part throughout the package.

off the cuff

REX STEWART'S fine little band is no more. The former Ellington cornetist abandoned the group in mid-October and flew to Hollywood and is now out on tour with Hawkins, Eldridge and others in a caravan playing different cities under Norm Granz' direction. Rex recently worked the N. Y. Aquarium successfully with his combo but found

steady bookings-at better than union scale-increasingly difficult to obtain. His future plans are indefinite.

John Scott Trotter's band, the one that backs Bing on the new Philco program, includes Red Nichols' cornet, Charlie LaVere at the piano, Doc Whiting on bass and other w. k. hot men. Nichols also sits in Ray Noble's trumpet section on those Sunday night Bergen-McCarthy broadcasts. But every night he leads his little band of Pennies at the Club Morocco.

Bill Willard of Armed Forces Radio Service will employ Orson Welles as narrator on an ambitious 26-week program which will trace the evolution of hot music via waxings. Undertaking will be aired all over the world on the AFRS "Down Beat" program with Gene Norman as announcer.

Slim Gaillard popped for more than \$2,500 for new clothes for his tour

newest toupee.

Al Jarvis on KLAC wasn't satisfied to boom his "Original Make Believe Ballbums and a kitten who philosophizes T. Dorsey ork. on problems that face youngsters. Few of his listeners are aware that the kitty is old "Stompy" Jarvis himself.

The vacation season may be officially and Philly for her dual talents. ended, but it isn't reflected in Southern California hotels. Rooms are rarer than ever before. So's meat.



IEANNIE McKEON and her soulful songs are beginning to attract attention in Hollywood. She's featured by a drug chain on a transcribed series heard throughout the U. S.

Pauline Byrnes and the Starlighters are in the east with Bob Hope for his Friends of Xavier Cugat admiring his Tuesday night NBC show. So is Jerry Colonna. They'll all return to Cally about Nov. 12.

lack Leonard, still taking acting lesroom" to the top, so he launched a sons, will soon start work in a Cochildren's show at 9:45 a.m. daily lumbia pic. It was just 10 years ago which features all the latest juve al- that he clicked as a singer with the

> slugs the Knabe keyboard, getting over at Berg's, Chick is w. k. around Chi pledged will be constructed within the

Bill Eckstine worked a two-weeker Chapter 1: Cugat at the Club Alabam with his band.



Only the Dogs Hear New Hamp **Kid Trumpeter**

Pops Hampton took leave of Southern California in October after two months in sunny Cally, and even as he left he still was hiring musicians to make his band not only the loudest but the largest of any orchestra in the nation-at least the largest of those not featuring strings.

Hamp now has six trumpets, four trombones, two basses, two guitars, two singers, another drummer in addition to himself, a pianist and six saxophones. One of the latter, Altoist Bobby Plater, is writing a majority of the band's new arrangements and doubling hot clarinet.

Only the Dogs Hear Sheppard

"But the man that's gone, clear gone," said Lionel as he packed his vibes, "is 18-year-old Leo Sheppard, who plays the highest notes ever heard on a trumpet. He even tops Cat Anderson with the Duke. He's gone. He's past the stratosphere."

Johnny Griffin moved into the reed section to share hot tenor assignments with the veteran one-lunged soloist, Arnette Cobbs. Joe Comfort joined on bass, as did Duke Garrett and Joe Wilder, trumpets, who recently came out of the navy and marine corps, respectively, with h.d. certificates. Hamp said the whole outfit would hit New York in time to open at the Strand Theater Nov. 1, but getting reservations for the mob was a problem in

Wife Assists Hospital Fund

Hamp's wife, the former Gladys Riddle of Los Angeles, contributed \$200 Martha Davis, who chants as she to the fund for the future West View Hospital which AI (KLAC) Jarvis has next year.

Mrs. Carmen Castillo Cugat, 38, was granted a divorce Oct. 3 in Los Angeles from Xavier Cugat, in whose band she at one time chirped vocals. Judge Dudley S. Valentine awarded her 17 per cent of the maestro's future income.

Cavallaro Goes North

Carmen Cavallaro, who clicked again on his Ciro's run, as he always does, takes his combo north to open at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco on Nov. 21.

New Bride and

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New Band for Charlie Barnet

The "Mad Mab," Charlie Barnet, did it again in October when he upped and eloped with a new bride.

Barnet took time out while reorganizing his orchestra to wed exotic Rita Merritt, with whom he has kept solid company for more than a year, in Tijuana, Old Mexico. Charlie's previous wife was Harriet Clark, who sang in Sonny Dunham's band for sev-

The new Barnet ork boasts eight brass instead of the 10 which the Mah previously featured. Kurt Bloom is still Charlie's mentor and Dave Matthews, famed tenor saxist, is still doing most of the manuscripts. Betty Perry is new as the thrush. She's a former Russ Mor-

Barnet wound up his part in "The Fabulous Dorseys" movie and soon will take his band into Tom Dorsey's Casino Gardens Ballroom in nearby Ocean Park. A flying trip to Hawaii also was skedded for late October.

Reports in "Time" mag that Barnet is leading a movement to bring sweet. schmalzy music back into popularity are strongly denied by the Mab himself. "They missed the whole point and misquoted me," he says. His new band, although smaller, jumps as all of Barnet's bands have jumped. And the

Bill Ewing Resumes As a Platter Pilot

It's a return to disc jockey chores for Bill Ewing, who also announces the CBS airshots nightly from the Palladium. Ewing last month inaugurated a sax, and Bill Davis on bass comprise Chapter 2: Grier

Bob Laine, big Swedish pianist who once thumped the keys in Ben Pollack's band, opened at Maison Gaston on Vine street as a single.

Freddy Martin and his men back on he stand at the Hotel Ambassador's ocoanut Grove after four-week va-

Dick Stabile spent several weeks along Vine street attending to business of mysterious nature.



JESSE PRICE He Also Shouts the Blues. . .

New Contract For Jesse Price

saw his original contract torn up and a new one handed him which will

Allen Beal, piano; Gene Porter, tenor new Pally program which airs at 4:05 the quartet, with Price. The leader p.m. daily via KMPC, Hollywood. He records exclusively for Capitol and for used to be a jock before he became the 15 years was popular in the Middlewest sang with his band, was ended by dias a member of Jay McShann's, Harlan vorce Oct. 5. They were married Nov. Leonard's and other orchestras.

Warnow Will Join Russell In Hollywood

With the entire Lucky Strike Hit Parade moving from N. Y. to Hollywood in late November, it appears that its singing star, Andy Russell, who now is being "piped in" from here with a special orchestra to the tune of some \$7,500 in extra line charges every week, will not be forced to return east as he had feared.

Mark Warnow, vet conductor, will come to the coast to lead the band, and the production staff, girl singers (Joan Edwards and her sub, Peggy Mann are rumored to be leaving the show) and other principals will come with him. Russell, a hot item now with his "Pretending" hit disc, also is making tests this month for a leading role in the United Artists film, "Copacabana." If these tests don't please him, he has his choice of rejecting the role.

Russell prefers the coast because he has a new home here and all his relatives and friends also reside in L. A.

Slack, Morse Team For Theater Dates

Ella Mae Morse joined forces with the After two nights at the Brass Freddie Slack orchestra in late October Rail in nearby Glendale, where he on a theater tour which finds them Ellington influence on Charlie's music leads his own quartet, pounds the Oct. 31 at the Albee, Cleveland, and drums and shouts blues, Jesse Price the Nov. 7-13 week at Detroit's Downtown Theater. Slack's band, which includes Al Hendrickson on guitar and keep his combo busy nightly to and Coleman on drums, and Don Brassfield including the coming Christmas holi- on tenor, recently concluded a smash run at Chicago's Band Box nitery.

Jimmy Grier's fourth marriage, to blonde vocalist Jean Taylor who once





WOODY HERMAN left California to tour last month, but he'll be back to star—with his herd—in his own motion picture within two months. This photo is a "still" from Republic's "Hit Parade of 1947" musical which Woody completed in October. Left to right, the Woodchoppers comprise Sonny Berman, Red Norvo, Bill Harris, Flip Phillips and Herman, with Bassist loe Mondragon barely visible in rear. See story on the Herd at right.

L. A. Avodon Ballroom Ready for Crosby, Basie

Bob Crosby and Count Basie are set to follow the current Al Donahue orchestra as the bandstand attraction at the Avodon Ballroom in downtown Los Angeles. The room, opened last spring, is managed by Barney McDevitt, and has boasted Woody Herman, Billy Butterfield, Bobby Sherwood, Henry Busse and Jan Garber as major attractions in its that musicians and music fans will, for eight months of operation.

replaced the Herman herd on Oct. 15 and will continue until Bob Crosby bows in on Nov. 12. Crosby is said to be reorganizing his present orchestra in the east. It has proved a disappointment, musically, because of its variance from the original Crosby fans can't-or refuse to-forget.

Count Basie then comes on for four weeks following Crosby. The Basieites open on Dec. 10. Stan Kenton is set for a Feb. 4 opening. The month bebooked.

Bands playing the Avodon broadcast Donahue, with his fiddle and nightly over KECA and the ABC web revamped reed and brass section, at 12:30 midnight Pacific Standard

Beneke Overhauls His Vocal Staff

With the Crew Chiefs and Artie Mal-1935-42 Dixieland band which Crosby's vin out of the band, Tex Beneke was seeking a new vocal group and had already hired Cary Stevens, baritone, as soloist when the band shoved off for the east in late October. Stevens joined tween Basie and Kenton is still to be Beneke at the L. A. Million Dollar Theater Oct. 22.

Carlos Molina 'I'm Learning to Speak English' 'Palabras De Mujer'

Stravinsky Set For Herman's Johnny' Film

"We'll be back in Hollywood to make our motion picture in late December or lanuary, I can promise you that it won't be like the films that have been made in the past featuring bands."

Woody Herman is enthused-but excited-about the independent filmusical he and his manager, Mike Vallon, set up last month during the herd's Avodon Ballroom engagement. "Igor Stravinsky himself will play a part in the pic," Herman told the Capitol News. "And of course we hope to perform the entire Ebony Concerto which Mr. Stravinsky composed especially for

Musicians to Get a Break!

Woody pointed out that most films show a band for a few seconds, then pan over to a girl sitting under a tree, and by the time the camera gets back to the band the music has ended. "Our picture will be different," he said. "When the band is playing the camera and the soundtrack will record the band and the band alone. It will be novel, to say the least. And we feel once, be satisfied."

Sid Kuller, who has written many a hit song and scads of special material for vocalists and comedians, wrote the original screenplay which will feature Herman's herd, Stravinsky and a top cast of actors. The title is "Concerto for Johnny."

McCall Creating Big Talk

Following the Avodon engagement Herman took his musicians to Texas for three weeks of theaters to be followed by about 30 concerts. Production of the picture is slated to begin no later than Jan. 15 if present plans materialize. Mary Ann McCall, who recently rejoined the band as vocalist, is creating a sensation and is being hailed as the finest canary the herd ever featured. She sang with Herman in 1939-40 but was not considered anything more than competent at that time.

Sam Donahue Ork At Newark Terrace

Sam Donahue's fly young band went into the Terrace Room, Newark, N. J. on Oct. 15 and will hold for four weeks. Donahue doubles tenor sax and trumpet in fronting his combo, which records only for Capitol.

Yank Servicemen Scream Approval As Dixieland Jazz Sweeps Japan

RED THOMPSON BREAKS IT UP

SOME LIKE only be-bop, others prefer riff jazz. But take it from Red Thompson, America's fighting men still stationed in Japan enjoy good old Dixieland jazz more than all the other kinds combined

Thompson was in Hollywood in late October after seven months in Nip territory as leader of a six-piece Dixie combo which is featured with the Gilbert and Lee USO revue. The troupe later planed out for Alaska and is now somewhere in the Aleutians entertaining Yank servicemen.

3 Manone Fugitives

Jake Flores, tailgate trombonist long featured with Wingy Manone and other popular American jazz units, is one of the sparkplugs of the Thompson group. Pianist Bill Campbell, as well as Howard Robbins, drummer, also are Manone

The leader plays clarinet, and Ned Dotson is the trumpeter. Doubling on bass and vocals is Dale Mullings, well known around Hollywood. All six musicians, in fact, are members of Local 47 (L. A.) of the AFM.

in Tokyo," Flores said, "we swung the two places." 'Jazz Me Blues' to a howling mob of youngsters who kept shouting requests an hour after the regular program had ended. Those youngsters know their States in the music profession."

See Atom Bomb Destruction

Thompson, the leader, recalled how and music. the band had played a concert on the deck of an American destroyer Sasabu harbor; the ship was one which, during the war, had been dangerously damaged by Jap shells and which had repaired and made seaworthy just a few weeks before the concert, "We played in Tokyo, Osaki, Kyoto, Kobe, Yokohoma and on Okinawa island too," he said. "Coming back, we beat it out in Manilla.

"The reaction was always the same -hysterical."

On three occasions Thompson's spirted Dixieland band went through iroshima. "There wasn't much to see ere," Flores declared. "That bomb months ago simply swept the city Iff the map, Nagasaki looked about as



RED THOMPSON'S Dixieland band took Dixieland jazz to Japan recently and met with hysterical reception from thousands of American servicemen still serving in the land of the rising (?) sun. Here they are as they looked at the Ernie Pyle Memorial Theater in Toyko, where the "Jazz Me Blues" and other traditional Dixie tunes clicked big. The group includes Thompson, clarinet; Bill Campbell, piano; Ned Dotson, trumpet; Jake Flores, trombone; Dale Mullins, bass and vocals, and Howard Robbins, drums.

"At the Ernie Pyle Memorial Theater bad. None of us will ever forget those for 25 years with a score of name

South America Next

The Japanese people were not allowed in foreign service love it." to attend the concerts which the troupe presented, but members of the band Ex-Servicemen Form azz. And they're all anxious to hear said they talked with numerous Nip news of what's happening back in the professionals and were surprised to learn that many of the Japs had a

Flores, who has blown a hot trombone Hotel in Las Vegas.

bands. "You can bet that every note we play will be pure Dixie. The boys

Dick Kane's Trio

Dick Kane, pianist, organized his own good knowledge of American bands trio in Los Angeles last month and has set Andy Lambert on bass and Gene In January the band will return to Sargent on guitar, doubling vocals. All California briefly, then shove off for a are former G. I. musicians. Al Larsen of South American tour. "We expect to the McConkey agency has set Kane for be touring another two years," said a November stint at the Last Frontier





TD Will Junk Band for Films And Ballroom

After 10 years as one of the most popular bandleaders in the world, Tommy Dorsey is checking out as a maestro in order to concentrate upon his Casino Gardens Ballroom in Ocean Park, a Los Angeles

Members of his band are expecting their notice about Nov. 5 following a long and highly successful theater tour of Texas.

Bauduc Doesn't Go

Ziggy Elman, long featured with TD on trumpet and the leader's right hand man, hopes to organize his own band shortly and will be booked by MCA. Most of the other sidemen will remain in Hollywood to work pic and radio

Ray Bauduc, who planned to join the band on Oct. 1 as reported in the October Capitol News, had his bags all packed and his drums crated for the Texas trip when he learned of Tommy's intentions of breaking up the group in a few weeks, following the Texas trek. Thus he never played with the TD group. Joe Graves, who worked in the Bauduc band and intended to join Tommy at the same time Ray entered on drums, switched over to Jimmy Dorsey's brass section, replacing Sy Baker, and is now on tour with Jimmy.

Movies Interest Him, Too

Tommy has big plans for the ballroom, one of the largest in the nation. biz. He and Jimmy only recently completed "The Fabulous Dorseys" for early 1947 release by UA.

Skitch Sketches Pic

the Bing Crosby show and with his own band on Capitol, is completing work as scorer and conductor of the ork for the soundtrack of "A Miracle Can Happen" featuring Jimmy Stewart.



FRANK DeVOL'S new album of "Memory Waltzes" is getting a big play from the nation's wax jocks since its release last month. The package comprises eight selections and features a monstrous string sec--Charlie Mihn Photo.

Russ Morgan in Film

Russ Morgan and his band just com-He also wants to delve into the picture pleted work in Columbia's "Cigarette Girl" musical. It'll be released in '47. His group is at the L. A. Biltmore.

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visitor in his gleaming '46 Buick.



Meet the lockey!

TWIRLING WAX is nothing novel for Natalie Towle, who makes with the gab over WWDC in Washington,

the nation's capital. Her associates at the station fondly call her "Nat" and are all well aware that she maiored in Archaeology at Stanford University. California, in



fact, is her home and she proudly lists Palm Springs as her native bailiwick. Bill Cox assists Nat with "Dance Party" every Saturday night and they're still trying to get Harry Truman, a Washington pianist, to come up and pound out some boogie.

Bauduc, Lamare Form New Band

His deal with Tommy Dorsey having failed to jell, Ray Bauduc promptly joined forces with his pal of 25 years, Nappy Lamare, and together they organized a jumping 6-piece combo that opened Oct. 19 at and radio ply him with food and drink the Club Algiers on Whittier Boulevard and ask his advice. He is a power in the

Mickey H. Goldsen, sailor-publisher, Wilfred Wylie, piano; Tiny Isgro, tenor say are to his liking. sax. Bauduc pounds the drums on all

> guitar work, and it's likely that a girl hear what recorded wonders may be go home, but sleeps among his scat- If the disc fits, wear it. will be added soon to spout vocals.

RKO-Radio Confirms Artie Shaw Rumors

RKO-Radio just made it official. Artie Shaw has signed contracts as a producer at the studio and thus confirms rumors of long standing. Neither the studio or Shaw, however, is shedding any light on what kind of picture will be the first to result from the new association.

A Day in the Life Of a Disc Jockey

It's Just Peachy If You Know How

By GEORGE H. PLAGENS

TO THE naive, to the undiscerning observer, the life of a disc jockey is just peachy. He sleeps until noon, hilt in a casual manner, and then driving through the beautiful scenery where his throne awaits.

The Life of O'Really?

Here amid the glittering appointments and plush silence of his private sanctum, he seats himself before his mighty microphone and lights a fourbit cigar. A fetching blonde, who prefers working for him to being a movie star and shoving Lana Turner off the screen, reads his script while he savors his smoke and nods his frequent approval. By now it is lunch time.

He could press buttons and have his meal delivered. But his public expects to see him-in the flesh-sometimes.

The Power of the Pressing

entertainment world. With his recogni-Bauduc is the leader. Lamare rates tion aspiring musicians, vocalists and featured billing. They worked together comedians can go far. Without it, they with the old Bob Crosby Dixie band wither and die. Thousands-millions of

> revealed to them by their idol. He comes on with a special platter dedicated to him by a great bandleader. Then, with a few condescending remarks directed at his sponsor and a simulated modest self-criticism, he "plays" the first platter of the evening. Actually, of course, he has it played by a trained engineer who is skilled at placing the correct record on the turntable, touching the pickup to it lightly, and lifting it when the record is endd. The jockey gets another cigar gong, riffles thru his script and tosses

it aside! He tells his eager audience tered treasures of recorded art (all on what he has done. They love it, for this unbreakable plastic, autographed and do just anything, from singing along with the record and talking to the engineer, to burping in the middle of a beer plug.

Lassie, Go Home!

The night grows old and the platter has breakfast in bed, dresses to the parlor gets filled with smoke and wonderful people. The clever banter and the terrific records never falter. Should a somewhat sub-standard side be played, long, hard labors on "sustaining" (an of Hollywood, or Palm Springs, or Bev- it gets a simply ripping ribbing from



"He sleeps until noon," writes George, "then has breakfast in bed. Amid the glittering appointments and plush silence of his private sanctum he seats himself before the mighty microphone and lights a fourbit cigar."

terrible drop when the wax shops open Eager personalities from stage, screen in the morning. But all good things must come to an end and the shellac show concludes all too soon. But the dizzy round of delight is not yet over for the disc jockey. A party of cele-pomme. brants makes the rounds with him as from 1935 to 1942 and both were radio listeners hang on his every word their honored guest. His plate is never reared in New Orleans. The new combo, and hordes of happy listeners rush to empty, his glass is always filled—his booked by MCA, also includes Johnny the music counters to clamour for the arms too, with some beautiful creature options. Lamare's singing is being lime schedule) and radio sets for miles, and the revelry ends only after the plays his labels right. Metronome's Barry Ulanov a coast spotted more prominently than his many bear what recorded wonders may be a construction of the likely that a girl hear what recorded wonders may be a construction.

means that tonight will be another indexed). His faithful valet tucks the master in bed, cleans up and prepares harmless bromides and water for the great man's mid-morning awakening. Then back to refreshing sleep and anon, another day, another step ahead in the world of music, radio and fun,

How Frantic!

All of this, tho, comes only after erly Hills and slyly waving to famous the oh-so-wise wax-whirler and its nouncers serve, without sponsorship, people who crave his attention, he sales, if there have been any, take a ill paid, poorly housed and at all hours), and on "staff" (the only slightly worse assignment of spot announcements, time signals and carrying coffee for the master platter man). Then, if he is lucky and keeps his larynx clean, the budding biscuit herder may by dint (whatever a "dint" is) of hard work and unremitting study of Down Beat, get on a five minute record "show." He must be careful not to offend his sponsor, if any, at this early stage. That is only for later when he is established as a cutting commentator. (This business of insulting the sponsor must be a psychological reaction to the long weeks of discipline thru which the disc iockey must pass.) If he is studiously inclined, the neophyte jock may enliven his fleeting five minutes of music with learned comments on the records played. Or he may sharpen his tongue on the stone of gossip, invite, but not accept criticism, or if he is smart, attend himself to burnishing the old

Knowing Music No Asset!

The disc jockey with a twangy tone and hayseed in his voice, no matter booked by MCA, also includes you fecords he has been good enough to who dances closely, whispering in his art or soap, seems to have a good ear of her latest record. The whole chance to succeed in this strange world So his lunch is paid for—then back thing ends up in a biscuit bash in the where wax and kilocycles mingle. The It is night by this time (unless the collection of rare, hot wax is auditioned rube remarks with shrewd merchandis-The group is set for four weeks with lockey is so unlucky as to have a day- for the lucky survivors of the evening, ing cannot but go places if he only





Wildroot Airing King Cole Trio

The King Cole Trio's new radio show, sponsored by Wildroot, took to the NBC airwaves on Oct. 19, just three days after Nat and his sidekicks Oscar Moore and Johnny Miller opened at the N. Y. Paramount Miller opened at the N. Y. Paramount
Theater with the same stage bill that New Supper Club features Stan Kenton's band.

Cole's program airs at 5:45 Saturdays eastern time. His trio-and the Kenton band with June Christy and Gene Howard—are expected to remain at the Paramount through all of this month and part of December. "Blue Skies" is the screen attraction.

Finston, Glazer Form **New Flicker Factory**

Nat Finston and Ben Glazer formed story in this issue on Page 3. their own Symphony Films in October and will soon start production on "The New Pomona Station Tragic Symphony," a story based on studios. Glazer is a writer.

NAT COLE sings the lyrics of "The Christmas Song" with Johnny Miller and Oscar Moore, as well as a large string section, backing him up. The disc looms as a smash holiday entry, and marks the first time Nat has recorded with a large en-

Three Acts Open

Long delayed because of building shortages, Glenn Billingsley finally opened his new supper club (above his restaurant, on Sunset Boulevard) on Oct. 23. The attractions included the Page Cavanaugh Trio, with the leader at the piano, and Ann Triola and Clark Dennis, singers.

George (Bullets) Durgom is booking the entertainment for Billingsley. Peggy Lee also is scheduled soon—see separate will manage him from here on out.

Another new radio station takes to the life of Peter Tschaikovsky. Mono- the Southern California airwaves soon gram will release it. Finston has long when Myron Klug and Dean Wickstrom been known in H'wood as musical di- begin operating KPMO, a 500-watter, rector of both Paramount and MGM at 1600 on the dial. KPMO will operate from Pomona.



vine street

CRITERION BOOKS of New York's lofty RKO Building was shipping first copies of the first edition of Dave Dexter's "Jazz Cavalcade" book in late October to music and record stores as well as book shops throughout the nation. The volume, hailed by Benny Goodman as "the best stuff I ever read about jazz,' features a wide selection of photographs of musicians and bands, at surprisingly hip foreword by Orson Welles, more than 75,000 words of text, a bibliography of other iazz literature and a repetitious plea for tolerance. Latter topic revolves not only around the various styles of hot music-from Bolden to Yardbird Parker-but also as regards races, religion and skin pigmentation.

"lazz Cavalcade" is pegged at \$3; advance copies available in Hollywood indicate that it is slanted, primarily, to the layman rather than to the working

KXLA in Pasadena, still building his third month at the nitery, and doall-night audience of working musicians, ing great. songwriters and nightowls with his 12:30 to 5 a.m. recorded stanza.

Benny Goodman driving his new '46 Cad which he ordered a year ago.

Dick Gabbe landed Jerry Wald and

bobbed up with new 7-pound daughter usse de Monte Carlo presents

songwriter who is recooping from lung he same composer has just completed ailment at Olive View, Cal., was tend-is new score for "The Private Affairs ered sock testimonial party at Club Bel Ami" which United Artists will Alabam under auspices of the Sepia elease in 1947. Milhaud for five years Hollywood mag with Lionel Hampton, as served as head of the music depart-Billie Holiday and others taking part. ment of Mills College in Oakland.

Cap's Glenn E. Wallichs and wife Chapter 3: Jenkins expect their second vee-pee this month

H'wood permanently since leaving the warded Nancy A. Jenkins, wife of

Kay Starr went home to Memphis and her mother, to have her baby.



OKLAHOMA ORIOLE who carols lyrics with Red Nichols' Pennies at Hollywood's Club Morocco is Dottie O'Brien, who's been singing 11 years. She's at her best on blues and torchy ballads and has never had a formal music lesson. Nichols, Alex Cooper, the "mad monk" of his cornet and band are in their

Milhaud Ballet Coming Nov. 29

The current fair-haired boy mong jazz fans, Darius Milhaud, ill face the limelight again in Mr. and Mrs. Bill (KFWB) Anson outhern California when the Ballet the lyric handily. whom they named April Paula Anson. The Bells' Nov. 29 at Philharmonic aud in L. A. The new score was recent-Cecil (Count) Carter, sax-blowing composed by Milhaud. In addition,

Custody of three children, \$900 Trombonist Lou McGarrity living in northly alimony and a divorce were all ordon Jenkins, bandleader, on Oct. 4 Los Angeles. The Jenkinses were wed the suburbs of St. Louis in 1932 and sparated last April.

DICK HAYMES is taking life easy these days, awaiting completion of a shooting script and production plans for his next 20th-Fox film which rolls in January. Manager Bill Burton confirms reports that Dick will make no more records with Helen Forrest, with whom he has teamed on wax for three years. The Haymes airshow rolls along uneventfully, meanwhile, with Gordon Jenkins wielding the wand.

for Capitol in New York. He airs nightly via CBS for Procter & Gamble.

Billie Holiday wound up in "New Orleans" film here.

Ella Fitzgerald heading coastward for the uniform of the U. S. army. first time in nearly three years.

ly made his debut as a vocalist on amassing a loyal following in the L. A. Capitol with Paul Weston's ork back- area. Currently at the Cricket Club on ing, knocked off another wax session Washington Boulevard, the Oklahomaand is burning the oil cleffing new born musician who shouts great blues tunes. His previous hits include "Every- also is proving to be a potent Capitol thing Happens to Me," "Violets for Records attraction throughout the land. My Furs" and "Let's Get Away From

Basie band, still breaking it up as he bass, and Josephine Smith, vocals. After has for more than a decade with the closing at Randini's the band opened at Count. His pipes are beginning to sound the Cricket on Oct. 16. The payoff is a bit rusty but he always socks across that Geechie books himself-and with-

case is an old Gershwin bouncer, "Oh, bers in his "Bully Wooly" clubs from Baby." He barked it often from as far away as Newfoundland. His Meadowbrook before he returned to show—all wax—airs nightly at 6:30

Where It Stops Nobody Knows

You think the housing situation is confusing in your town?

Here in H'wood, Woody Herman bought Humphrey Bogart's house, and Bogart and Bacall moved into the Garden of Allah Hotel previously occupied by Herman and his family. The Bogarts are waiting to move into the house they bought from Hedy Lamarr, who is moving into the house of the late Mark Sandrich. Multiply those activities by the three million other Hollywood folk who are dissatisfied with their lodgings and you'll have an idea of what the film capital is like these days.

G.I. Mops Up Jack Smith cut a raft of new sides With New Band or Capitol in New York, He airs

A little more than a year ago Geechie Smith was sweating it out far from home, on a tiny island in the South Pacific, while wearing

Today the same Mr. Smith is blowing a powerful trumpet and lead-Matt Dennis, songwriter who recent- ing his own band and more important,

Backing Geechie at the Cricket are Fletcher Smith, piano; Fred Simon, tenor; Louie Speigner, guitar; Red Jim Rushing rolls along with the Minor, drums; "Flanagan" Washington, out any difficulty.

Benny Goodman's newest vocal show- Frank Bull of KFWB gets new memp.m. for an hour.



AL DONAHUE: Avodon Ballroom. IERRY WALD: Palladium. EDDY HOWARD: Casino Gardens. HARRY JAMES: Meadowbrook Gardens

week-ends only.

IAN CARBER: Aragon.

Nov. 12-18. RED NICHOLS: Club Morocco. GEECHIE SMITH: Cricket Club. IESSE PRICE: Brass Rail, Glendale. FREDDY MARTIN: Hotel Ambassador. RUSS MORGAN: Hotel Biltmore. LES PAUL: Rounders Club. CHUY REYES: Mocambo.

PAGE CAVANAUCH: Billingsley's. RAY BAUDUC: Club Algiers. MANNY STRAND: Earl Carroll's. MARV ASHBAUGH: Hangover Club. BOB LAINE: Maison Gaston.

PETE DAILY: Waldorf Cellar. BOB CROSBY: Avodon Ballroom starting Nov. 12.

TEX WILLIAMS: Palace Barndance. **EMIL BAFFA: Florentine Gardens.**

New Al Killian Ork Shaping Up

Trumpeter Al Killian is making good progress with the band he recently organized in H'wood. He's been playing the Down Beat Club on Central Avenue in downtown L. A. with an enthusiastic little outfit which features the singing of Birdie (Bixie) Harris, recently with Benny Carter, and showcasing the heated tenor sax pipings of Eddie Davis.

Doug Adamson of KLAC is managing Killian, Buddy Harper is on guitar and Kenny Brown at the piano.

Son for the Heidts

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Heidt augmented their San Fernando Valley family on Oct. 7 when Mrs. Heidt gave birth to a son who weighed in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Heidt expects to resume as a bandleader next February.

who's where Western Airshows on Upbeat; Even the Nets Set Hot Pace

THERE'S BEEN a mighty shift to the west coast on the part of western radio programs. As previously reported, the National Barn Dance has been rebuilt around Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and George "Gabby" Haves. Starting early this month the show originates from Hollywood. Gene COUNT BASIE: Million Dollar Theater Autry is expected back with his Melody Ranch on CBS within the next

three or four weeks, which gives Southern California the two top western radio shows on the air.

has changed considerably in the past few weeks. The Hollywood Barn Dance, CBS Saturday night show, has been taken over by John "Dusty" King. Cottonseed Clark, the former emsee, is taking a unit out on some p.a.'s in the Northwest and upon his return he has another network Jimmy Dolan has a 15-minute show

Hargis Produces KNX Stanza

ent western music from 5:45 to 7:30 Atchison, Sonny Kirk, Herman the Herevery morning. The talent on this show mit, Ozzie Godson, Smokey Rogers and

Meet the lockey!

HE MAY not look it, but Jim Hawthorne is the "flat-footed floorwalker" on the Musical Department

HAWTHORNE

Store stanza aired daily over Pasadena's KXLA. lim, 27 and single, fakes 10 voices on the show and wears a ruptured duck emblem. His home is Denver. Stan Kenton is his fave maestro and he

tags Matt

Dennis' novel "Squeeze Me" as the best vocal record put out recently. Pet peeve: the constant ribbing of his colleague, Alex Cooper, who whirls wax on the same station.

includes Merle Travis, Jimmy Wakely, Pappy Cheshire, Sally Foster, The Plainsmen and Ken Card. The show is pro-The local western radio picture duced by Tom Hargis, formerly with John Lair's Renfro Valley Barn Dance.

Radio Station KXLA has become a favorite with western radio listeners. The western programs start at 5 a.m. with Carl Saunders' Sunway show, and throughout the day you'll hear no less than eight to 10 western programs. every evening, and KXLA also presents two live talent shows every day. Talent KNX, the CBS outlet, offers live tal- includes Merle Travis, Tex-Ann, Tex Cliffie Stone.

KFVD Has Heavy Schedule

Radio Station KLAC has just acquired the Capitol Transcription library and is featuring western music as much as possible. Down Long Beach way on KGER, Vance Lane from 10 to 11 every night offers top recorded western music.

The station that corrals the most western music is KFVD. They offer six hours and forty-five minutes of western music. Programming starts at six in the morning with two hours and 45 minutes of western music. At night they offer Spade Cooley time from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There are some very big plans for coast-to-coast western radio shows in

Colonna Disc a Killer!

Be sure to watch for Jerry Colonna's next Capitol record release. He recently recorded two sides with Wesley Tuttle and Merle Travis. This is the first time Colonna has ever made a western record with a true, authentic western band. The results are hilarious. Johnny Mercer was also at the session and if you listen real close you can hear him in th background on Jerry's record.

Tex Ritter has returned from a successful tour to making a series of radio broadcast appearances here on the coast. Yeah, the western folks are do--Cliff Stone ing all right.

Trianon Has J. James

Jimmy James' band at the Trianon bucking Harry James at the Meadow brook in L. A. Jimmy opened Oct. following Pinky Tomlin.





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* Comes Now the 400 **



THE NEW YORK 400 Restaurant will provide the next major engagement for Gordon (Tex) Beneke's band, starting Dec. 4, following his recent west coast trip which included a boffo run at the Palladium and two theaters.

Shown with Beneke are Prof. Jerry Colonna and Dr. John Mercer, who were merely two of thousands of Californians who turned out to wish the young tenor saxist success with his string-heavy combo.